

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: KATO, et al.

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METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN For.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2005 for two months, from October 27, 2005, to December 27, 2005.

Attached please charge our Deposit Account in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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